

Kennedy started working for Grand Ronde in 1984

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said. "Her work at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, for example, focused on building health policy and delivery systems that have the opportunity to affect every Indian and Tribe across the country.

"Within Grand Ronde, she has also led efforts to preserve language, canoe traditions, gathering rights, together with Grand Ronde songs and dance."

"I am humbled by the nomination made by the Tribal Council and then to actually be elected by the Potlatch Fund for this award is marvelous," Kennedy said.

"I attribute the foundation for being recognized as a promoter of cultural preservation to my grandmother, Pauline Warren Johnson, and my mother, Cordelia Tom Kneeland, who instilled in me our Tribal way of life."

Kennedy, 61, was recently re-elected to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council for a fourth consecutive three-year term.

She also served on the Tribal Council for two years in the mid-1980s after Restoration.

She has been elected chairwoman starting in September 2001 and served in that leadership role continuously except for a one-year break between September 2006 and September 2007. The Tribal Council re-elected her to the chair seat in September.

Kennedy is the second longest serving Tribal chair in Grand Ronde history.

Kennedy started working for the Grand Ronde Tribe as its original health director in 1984. She worked as a health administrator with Tribes for 30 years before being elected to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council in September 2000.

She served as the Tribal health director for almost 15 years and as the executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

During her health career, Kennedy was awarded the Health Administrator of Year by the Department of Public Health, Indian Health Services; and the Outstanding Leader in Health Care by the Oregon Department of Health; and honored for her contributions in elevating the health status of Indian people by the National Indian Health Board.

She is serving or has served as a member of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Commission on Indian Services, Rural Health Council of Oregon, Oregon's Women Commission, National Congress of American Indians, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and Oregon's Rural Health Education Center.

Within the Tribe, she has served on Tribal Health, Culture and Royalty committees in addition to her years of service on the Tribal Council. She currently remains an active member of the Health and Culture committees. ■

Casino books Milsap-Morgan concert

Country singers Ronnie Milsap and Lorrie Morgan will perform in concert at the Spirit Mountain Casino Events Center at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

Tickets are \$15, \$25 and \$30, and can be obtained at Star Tickets Plus at www.starticketsplus.com or by calling 800-585-3737. People also can purchase tickets at www.spiritmountain.com or at the Coyote Club desk at Spirit Mountain Casino. ■

Salem woman wins \$536K at Spirit Mountain

Rosemary Umsted, 62, of Salem won a \$536,662.40 jackpot on Oct. 13 at Spirit Mountain Casino while playing a penny slot machine.

Umsted said she was playing the maximum bet on a "Wizard of Oz" slot machine for about 20 minutes before hitting the jackpot.

"It's funny," she said. "The lady sitting next to me leaned over and said she hoped to win the jackpot. I told her don't told your breath, and then I hit it."

"I still can't believe it. I just want people to know that you actually do win at Spirit Mountain. I'm just stunned that it's me."

"Follow the yellow brick road has a whole new meaning to me now."

Umsted said she was unsure what she would do with her winnings because her husband was on a hunting trip in Canada. ■

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- NOV. 13-15: **YAKAMA NATION VETERANS POWWOW.** White Swan Pavillion, 626 Mission Road. **WHITE SWAN, WA.** 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1230.
- NOV. 14: **SUQUAMISH VETERANS POWWOW.** Suquamish Community House, Hyak Lane N.E. **SUQUAMISH, WA.** 360-394-8555.
- NOV. 14: **ENEAP VETERANS HONORING POWWOW.** Lake Washington High School, 12033 N.E. 80th St. **KIRKLAND, WA.** 425-770-4366.
- NOV. 14: **32ND ANNUAL RESTORATION POWWOW AND CELEBRATION.** Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 N.W. 44th St. **LINCOLN CITY, OR.** 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, Smoke Signals would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Cultural Corner

Ribbon Shirt Class

Grand Ronde
Nov. 15, & 22

9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Education room 207

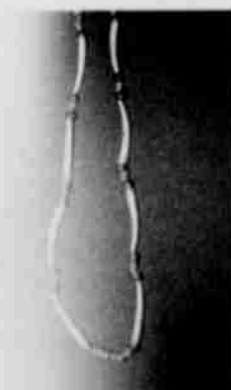
Portland
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.



Dentallium Necklace

Eugene
Nov. 1
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.



Native Art Design Class

Portland
Nov. 4, 18 & 25
Dec. 2, 9

1:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Eugene
Nov. 5, 12 & 19
Dec. 3, 10 & 17

1:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

"Weave in" Class

Beginning to advanced basket weaving

Portland
Dec. 4, 5 & 6

9 A.M. - TBA
Education Room 207



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